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**Subject:** End of Day -- December 20, 2018

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**KQED** (Lauren Sommer) [Received 12/20] – CLOSED – Reporter is interested in finding out if a Clean Water Act jurisdictional determination has been made, or will be made soon, regarding the Redwood City Salt Ponds site in San Mateo County. Referred to HQ. WTR. Kelly Zito

**San Mateo Daily Journal** (Zack Clarke) [Received 12/20] – CLOSED -- Reporter is interested in finding out if a Clean Water Act jurisdictional determinate has been made, or will be made, soon regarding the Redwood City Salt Ponds site in San Mateo County. Referred to HQ. WTR. Kelly Zito

**USA Today/Desert Sun** (Ian James) [Received 12/18]—OPEN—Reporter was looking for an interview with RA following his recent investigative series on pollution issues at the U.S./Mexico Border. Followed up with reporter asking for specifics topics he would like to discuss as well as options for dates in January for the interview. Looking into date options. Border. Nahal Mogharabi.

**Freelancer** (Katherine Keeney) [Received 12/17]—CLOSED—Was looking for an update on when a final decision on the Arroyo Grande aquifer would be made. Sent statement. SoCal. WTR, Nahal Mogharabi.

## Media Coverage on CA, AZ, NV SRF Announcements:

- **Associated Press:** [EPA approves nearly \\$21 million in Nevada water grants](#). The following story was picked up by dozens of outlets including the below. NV. WTR, Nahal Mogharabi.
  - [Las Vegas Sun](#)
  - [U.S. News](#)
  - [SF Chronicle](#)
  - [The Eagle](#)
  - [Bellingham Herald](#)
  - [WRAL](#)
  - [KTVN](#)
- **KJZZ:** [Arizona Cities To Use EPA Funds To Restore Outdated Pipes, Arsenic Issues](#). Ariz. WTR, Nahal Mogharabi.

- **Filtration Products:** [EPA awards Arizona \\$30.8 million for drinking water and wastewater projects.](#) Ariz. WTR, Nahal Mogharabi.
- **Maven's Notebook:** [NEWS WORTH NOTING: EPA awards California \\$187 million for drinking water and wastewater projects.](#) Calif. WTR, Nahal Mogharabi.
- **Water and Waste Digest:** [EPA AWARDS ARIZONA, NEVADA & CALIFORNIA.](#) Calif/Ariz/NV. WTR, Nahal Mogharabi.
- **Waterworld:** [EPA AWARDS FUNDING FOR DRINKING WATER, WASTEWATER PROJECTS IN CALIFORNIA, NEVADA.](#) Calif/Ariz/NV. WTR, Nahal Mogharabi.
- **Los Angeles Tech News:** [EPA Awards California \\$187 Million for Drinking and Wastewater Projects.](#) Calif. WTR, Nahal Mogharabi.

#### **Media Coverage on Food Recovery Challenge CA Winners:**

- **My News LA:** [U.S. EPA Recognizes Food Recovery Programs.](#) SoCal. LND, Nahal Mogharabi
- **Lake County News:** [U.S. EPA recognizes food recovery efforts in California.](#) SoCal. LND, Nahal Mogharabi.

#### **American Samoa Grant Coverage – Both Samoa News and Talane.com ran our press release:**

<http://www.samoanews.com/local-news/epa-awards-15-million-american-samoa-environmental-protection>  
<https://www.talane.com/2018/12/17/usepa-awards-15-m-to-aspa-asepa/>

## **WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA**

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#### **Social Media:**

**Camp Fire Response** – Posted to our [Twitter](#) page about the Household Hazardous Waste Removal (Phase 1) effort and linked to [Butte County Recovers, The Official Website for Camp Fire Response and Recovery.](#)

**Newsletter** – Posted to our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages our [EPA in the Pacific Southwest's November-December Newsletter](#), which includes stories about our responses to the Camp Fire and Typhoon Yutu, the recent Clean Air Act settlements with automakers, and a photo gallery of the Regional Administrator's site visits.

#### **Web Updates:**

**Newsletter** – Published our [EPA in the Pacific Southwest's November-December Newsletter](#), which includes stories about our responses to the Camp Fire and Typhoon Yutu, the recent Clean Air Act settlements with automakers, and a photo gallery of the Regional Administrator's site visits.

**Tribes** – Completed routine maintenance in our [Environmental Protection in Indian Country](#) web area.

**National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System** – Completed routine maintenance in our [NPDES Permits in EPA's Pacific Southwest Region](#) web area.

#### **Online Updates:**

**News this Week** – Highlighted a new [feature story](#) on the recent awards ceremony, [ethics training](#) deadline, [CFC](#) and [electronic W2 forms](#).

## **CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL**

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**San Francisco Supervisor-Elect Shamann Walton:** Supervisor-Elect Walton for the 10<sup>th</sup> San Francisco District met today with Superfund Division's Angeles Herrera, John Chesnutt, and Yolanda Sanchez following their request a meeting with to discuss testing at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. (N. CA – SFD)

#### **Upcoming Congressional Meetings/Calls, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:**

**Thursday – Friday, January 10 – 11, 2019 - EPA Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC):** The LGAC will have their next face to face meeting January 10 -11, 2019 at EPA Headquarters. A New Members Orientation session will be held for new and returning Members. The public meeting will feature Senior EPA officials and a panel of Assistant Administrators from the EPA Program offices. Also, there will be an Intergovernmental Forum with guest speakers of national intergovernmental organizations for a featured discussion on risk communication and local governments. The LGAC Water Workgroup will meet December 10th 4:30-5:30 pm which will feature Eric Burneson, Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water, to give an update on drinking water and toxic algal blooms. The meeting will also feature a presentation by Betsy Behl with the Office of Science and Technology on innovative detection and monitoring technologies. The Revitalizing Communities Workgroup will hold a preparatory call on Thursday, December 13, 2018 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. to discuss and provided feedback on the January LGAC agenda. OCIR will soon announce a solicitation to fill LGAC and SCAS 2019. Eligible membership includes nominees who currently serve in elected or appointed office of state, local and tribal government. It is anticipated that there will up to 15 vacancies to fill in 2019 on the LGAC. OCIR Contact: Fran Eargle

**Wednesday – Friday, January 23 – 25, 2019 - U.S. Conference of Mayors 2019 Winter Meeting:** The US Conference of Mayors will convene its 87th Winter Meeting in Washington, DC January 23 – 25, 2019. Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin (Columbia, SC), serves as President, and will preside. Mayors Bryan K. Barnett (Rochester Hills, MI) and Greg Fischer (Louisville, KY) are Vice President and Second Vice President, respectively. Resolutions are not considered during the Winter Meeting. However, Policy Committees (including the Environment Committee, Chaired by Mayor Francis X Suarez, Miami, FL) are expected to convene in Concurrent Working Sessions throughout the conference. The Mayors Water Council will convene on Wednesday January 23rd. Mayors David J. Berger (Lima, OH), and Jill Techel (Napa, CA) are Co-Chairs. The Council has invited Dave Ross, Assistant Administrator for Water, and Lee Forsgren, Deputy Assistant Administrator, to address the mayors on EPA's Priorities and provide updates. Both spoke to the convening during the 2018 Winter Meeting. It is anticipated that OW leadership will provide brief overviews and spend the remainder of their time responding to questions and engaging in dialogue with the mayors. Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR) staff will work with OW and USCM staff to finalize the details of this appearance. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon